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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, OSA-DD/R

SUBJECT : Conversion of O-11 Fire Trucks

1. On 7 February 1963 this Office received a telephone call from Colonel Hobs, A.F.S.S.C. in regard to [redacted] Conversion of O-11 Fire Trucks. Colonel Hobs stated that two or three years ago the AF and the Navy had their Engineering Departments evaluate the modification of General Dynamics O-11 Fire Truck. This evaluation was never completed. The Engineers considered the use of chemical foam in lieu of mechanical foam a step backward in fire fighting. The concerted opinion of the Engineers was that mechanical foam is far superior to chemical foam for fire fighting.

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2. Colonel Hobs stated that neither the Air Force nor the Navy had modified any of their O-11 Fire Trucks. So far, this Office has been unable to locate any modified O-11 Fire Trucks in operations other than the Prototype Conversion located at General Dynamics, Fort Worth, Texas.

3. It is understood that FAA has also seen the chemical foam operating in the O-11, and it is suggested that contact be made with FAA to determine their reaction. Pending additional information from FAA, it is recommended that we take no further action to modify [redacted] O-11 trucks to chemical foam.

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